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The Minister in Rumania (Gunther) to the Secretary of State

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Sir: Referring to my numerous past despatches regarding the situation of the Jews in Rumania, I have the honor to report certain interesting statements on the Jewish problem of this country which Dr. Hermann Neubacher, formerly [Page 862] Mayor of Vienna and now accredited to Bucharest as German Minister Plenipotentiary charged with economic matters in the Balkans, made a few days ago to the Military Attaché, Colonel Ratay.

Speaking first of certain aspects of the recent political rebellion, Dr. Neubacher went on to say that he was not so much concerned with the "political mess", but that he certainly would see that order was established in the economic life of the country without delay. Remarking that everything that had been done in the way of "Rumanization" of business enterprises must be revoked, he went on to say:

"The Jews must go, but they will be liquidated gradually and according to laws and regulations which will be promulgated. These laws will be closely patterned after the laws which I had promulgated for that purpose in Vienna. A plenipotentiary commission will be set up for that purpose, and I shall have an expert come from Vienna who, as 'adviser', will take charge of the work.

"The Jews are a problem which concerns all of Europe, if not the whole world. After the war, a conference of all great powers will have to be called to settle this problem. A space must be found large enough for 15–20 million people where the Jews can be settled. They must be able to take means with them, and they must have help from all countries, to be able to get started. A strong international commission will have to be formed to direct and supervise this work."

Respectfully yours,

Franklin Mott Gunther